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For: VEHICLE CABIN AIR FILTER FRESHENER)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2007, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II. (Claims 2-16) for examination with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

- Group I (Claim 1)
- Group II. (Claims 2-16)
- Group III (Claims 17-19)
- Group IV (Claims 20)
- Group V (Claims 21)

Applicant elects to prosecute claims 2-16, and cancels claims 1 and 17-21 without prejudice pursuant to the restriction requirement.

In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different subclasses, the inventions of (Group II and III) are not necessarily independent and this classification by itself is an insufficient basis for requiring restriction between the claims since the Group III claims are dependent claims depending from the only independent claim in Group II, and therefore the claimed invention of Group II and Group III should be considered a single entity.

Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn with respect to Groups II and III and that the claims to the process of synthesizing semiconductor fibers and silicon fibers presently pending in this application be examined as claiming one invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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